Construction of Over-Bridges

†2099. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by the Rajasthan Government to the Centre for Construction of over-bridges during the last three years alongwith the proposals under consideration;

(b) the amount sanctioned for each of these proposals alongwith the action being taken on the remaining proposals; and

(c) the demand made by Rajasthan Government for allocation of amount from Central Road Fund (CRF) and the action being taken by Government on this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No firm proposal has been submitted by the Government of Rajasthan for the construction of over-bridges on National Highways during the last three years and therefore no such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An amount of Rs. 534.38 lakhs has been demanded under the Central Road Fund during 1999-2000. The amount will be released in due course if found acceptable.

Central Assistance for National Highways in Gujarat

2100. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of surface transport in Gujarat is becoming worse due to the lack of adequate Central assistance;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the funds have been allocated to the Gujarat State for surface transport during the last three years; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir, as far as National Highways are concerned, for which this Ministry is responsible.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The funds allocated during the last three years for National Highways in Gujarat are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Plan work	37.38	43.22	66.29
Maintenance and repair	27.32	37.57	32.97

Impact of East-West Corridor on Railways Growth

2101. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on the East-West Corridor in this current finanical year;

(b) the detials of money proposed to be spent during 2000-2001 on this project; and

(c) whether this project hampers railways growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 26 crores has been spent till January, 2000 during the current financial year.

(b) Budget provision for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 175 crores for project on East-West corridor.

(c) No, Sir.

Private Ports Operating in the Country

2102. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private ports which have come up and opened, in the country;

(b) the number of ports which are in pipe line; and